

THE AMERICAN HOME

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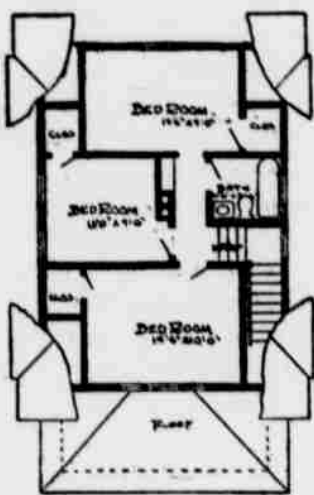
A gambrel or curb roof house is shown in this design. There is economy in building a roof like this because of the extra space in the second story that may be utilized for bedrooms. It is common to make the break in the roof on a level with the ceiling of the upper rooms, and the lower pitch of the roof is steep enough so the lath and plaster may be put directly on the rafters, and the wall space so treated is so nearly perpendicular that you hardly notice the bend in the two sides of the rooms.

In preparing these rooms the side wall paper extends to the ceiling just the same as though the walls were built perpendicular in the usual way, and the side wall paper usually is a little darker than the ceiling, which makes a contrast, and this contrast is deepened by a border that is darker than either the upper or lower wall paper.

Years ago such roofs looked very odd and people had to learn to like them, but it seems to be a fact that utility usually grows in favor. It has been the case, at any rate, with gambrel roofs until they have been adopted for some of the best houses in different parts of the country.

Another advantage in a roof of this kind is that you can get considerable width without using long rafters, and

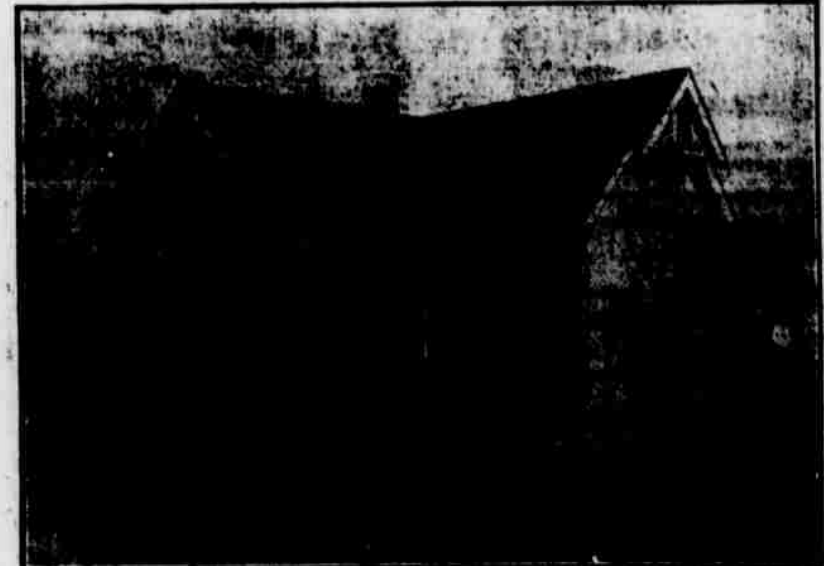
size and well proportioned. In addition to a clothes closet in each bedroom, the niche beside the chimney is utilized for a linen closet. It is the little conveniences like this that mark the difference between a good house and a house that is unsatisfactory and it requires years of experience to know just how to take advantage of peculiarities in a plan to work in such



Second Floor Plan

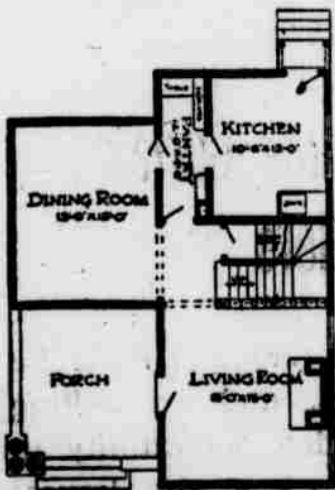
valuable little helps towards good housekeeping. This is one reason why I recommend everybody to make a study of house plans before starting to build.

The arrangement to go down cellar in this house is especially good because you can get down either from the front part of the house or from the kitchen, and the entrance to the cellar way also connects the front



room in the house has two or three outside walls, and for this reason it is a little more difficult to heat such a house in cold weather, but we have learned how to protect ourselves against low temperatures by using building paper and other non-conductors of heat and cold. Then when you consider that during the ordinary winter, even in the northern states, we have only a few days of extreme cold against 50 weeks of moderate or warm weather this objection fades into insignificance. The fact is most of our winter weather hovers around the freezing point, thawing a little in the day time and freezing at night. It is easy to keep even a large house comfortable all through with such temperatures, and you can keep part of it warm the coldest days if the house is well built.

We value light and fresh air more than our grandfathers did because we



First Floor Plan

know more about the value of such things in regard to health. We understand that people who live in the open air and sunshine usually have very little use for the doctor. We have figured it out scientifically so we know the reason why.

It is easy to lay out a house of this kind into good comfortable rooms properly connected for convenience as well as looks. Some house plans are a great puzzle to an architect, but this kind of a plan comes easy. You have the space, the different exposures, you have room for doors where you want to put them, and you have a convenient corner where you can put in a good comfortable stairway designed for looks as well as service.

When it comes to heating you can place the furnace under the front hall and carry short pipes to each room and you can carry the hottest pipe

with screens and sash the time may be extended to include almost the round year in some locations. The fashion of screening porches in the summer time to keep out flies and mosquitoes is a good one and it is easy to lift out the screens in the fall and put sash in their places.

There are different ways of managing. Some people like to do things differently from the ordinary, and I notice that such folks generally get more out of life. Some families live in their houses, while others make the house a place to stay in when necessary and get away from it as much and as often as possible. A good deal depends on the house plan in the first place, but more depends on the housekeeper, because one person will make a house comfortable and inviting while another woman who works just as hard, perhaps, has the faculty of making things rather unpleasant. The chairs may be too nice to sit down in, or there may be a lot of bric-a-brac in the way, stuff you are afraid of breaking or disarranging. The study of a home means much more than the plan and manner of building the house.

Sheep Raising in Australia.
"Sheep raising conditions are about the same in Australia as they are here," said F. L. Burt of South Dakota, who is engaged in the sheep raising business both in this country and in Australia. The sheep over there are raised mainly for their wool, although the meat is also quite a valuable product for both the local and export trade. The price of both wool and meat in Australia is regulated by London values. The meat, which is shipped in cold storage vessels, can be kept fresh very easily. Farm laborers in Australia receive, in the neighborhood of \$20 a month, which is practically the same as they get here. In the towns the mechanics are paid about \$3.50 to four dollars a day. Living may possibly be a little cheaper over there, but the difference is not very great. As far as agricultural conditions generally are concerned, you have many advantages here. The climate in Australia is too dry. The winters there are not so cold, however, and while the summers are hot the heat is not oppressive."

Immense Lump of Anthracite.
The largest lump of anthracite coal ever mined recently was taken from a mine in the Panther creek valley of Pennsylvania. It weighs seven tons, and will be placed in a museum, either in Philadelphia or Boston.

Virginia.

Dr. Foster, of Butler, was called for counsel Sabbath afternoon at Dan Smith's. Mrs. Smith has been sick for some time.

"Telephones are handy. If a young man wants to know if his girl is at home, just call her over the phone. They most always say, yee."

Judge Paddock will move to his farm this week. He has been living in Amsterdam the past year, following his trade butchering, until he was elected Judge of the North District.

The other day as we went to Virginia in the east part of town at the residence of Mr. Gilbert, we saw a number of little gentlemen and ladies getting around over the yard as swift as red squirrels. Mrs. Gilbert prepared a supper in the afternoon—ice cream and cake. The little fellows enjoyed themselves. Those present were: Wilma and Omer Smith, Henry, Herman and Elsie Menen, Mack Smith and Linnie Robison.

Ule Hinson and wife, of near Nyhart, were in Park Town Thursday of last week. They will move to Dakota in the spring.

John Foster was on the sick list last week.

W. J. Bard was in Virginia the other day getting tools to put up ice.

Dr. Smith was kept on the go last week looking after his patients.

Dr. Carl Jones was around Friday introducing his medicine. He is working for the Raleigh Medical Co., of Freeport, Ill. Carl is a good looking doctor and a ready talker.

Clade Jundy left a week ago Saturday for Cartersville, Mo., where he is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lanyon.

John E. Sparks left Tuesday for Oklahoma to look for a home. He has lived around Virginia for many years.

Dr. Smith is attending Mrs. Sellers near Nyhart, who is down with pneumonia.

The road bosses of Charlotte town ship should look after the bridge east of Virginia near the school house before some one is hurt.

Mrs. Pearl Hart, of Ft. Scott, Kan., is visiting Mrs. Geo. Thompson.

Mrs. Frank Satterlee and two children are very low with the scarlet fever.

A number of the Virginia young people spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smizer last Saturday, Jan. 16th. Mr. Smizer recently moved from near Passaic to a farm, three miles northwest of Virginia, and the young folks wished to get acquainted.

It was reported Sunday that Mr. Joe Whinery was no better and seemed to be gradually growing weaker. His two daughters and son are now at home. Mrs. Coulter from Colorado, Mrs. Jennie Gordon from Oklahoma and Willie from Kansas City.

The young folks reported having a fine time at the home of Mr. Allen last Friday evening. Owing to the weather it was impossible for a number of the members to attend.

S. S. and preaching were well attended last Sabbath.

W. W. Park left Monday for Quincy, Ill., to see his son, Guy, and have a good time with his granddaughter for a week.

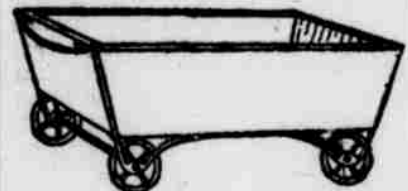
Professor Parker, of Sedalia, is visiting his father-in-law, James Cuzlek.

S. S. Martin returned from Stone county Tuesday night, where he had been visiting his son. They kept a fellow full of good things. Claud Martin went to Audrain county Tuesday.

CONVENIENT BARN TRUCK.

Will Make the Task of Feeding the Cows Much Easier.

No dairyman can afford to ignore that which will lighten his labor in any way whatever. Be his stable ever so conveniently constructed, he has enough to do. Hence the importance of his considering the truck or car presented in the cut. Made of good lumber, the only iron about it is the handle at each end, by which to



Feeding Truck for the Stable.

push or pull it along the feeding alley in front of the cows which are to be fed, and the trucks on which it is mounted. The wheels procured, any good blacksmith can make this, so that the truck is by no means difficult to construct. It should be about two feet wide, 20 inches deep and 4 1/2 feet long. Silage can be conveyed in it from the silo to the mangers very readily, says Farm and Home. If the silo is some distance away, it will save much hard work, indeed.

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Foster Notes.

John Allen returned to his home in Nevada Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briscoe gave a masquerade party Saturday night.

Dee Arbogast left Sunday for Cartersville, Mo., to work in the mines at that place.

Ed. Lloyd of Pittsburg, Kansas, came in Saturday to visit his brother, A. H. Lloyd, of this place.

Earl Cox of Ottumwa, Iowa, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Badgett.

Joe Palmer left Saturday for Joplin to work in the lead mines.

Howard Robb, wife and son, William, returned to their home in Thomas county, Kansas, Sunday.

Mr. Will Laughlin died at home in Blue Mound, Kansas, Saturday, January 16, and interment was made at that place. He is a son of David Laughlin of this place (now deceased). The family of the deceased have the sympathy of this community in their sad bereavement. This is the second son and one son-in-law that have passed away in the last month.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Rosy Yearly nee Robb died at the home of her brother, Schuyler Robb. Mrs. Yearly was born in Cass county Mo., July 23, 1888, died Jan. 14, 1909, she was married to William Yearly Jan. 24, 1906, moved the same year with her husband to Thomas county, Kansas. To this union one son was born. Mrs. Yearly had been in delicate health for two years and at times expressed her wish that she might die in the old home of her childhood. She was visiting her brother at this place when the death summons came and at 5 o'clock Thursday morning she passed to the great beyond. Her husband and father were notified by wire and arrived Friday evening.

Funeral sermon was preached at Salem Saturday by Rev. Foster, pastor of the M. E. church, and the remains were laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Salem where scores of loved ones lie who have crossed the Jordan of death to the spirit world. To the husband and aged parents we extend the sympathy of this community in their bereavement; for there will be sad and aching hearts when they return to their

little home on the western plain. There will be one more vacant chair.

DINAH.

About the Average Man.

Some one said the average man lives and dies poor. He has not the faculty for accumulating money; you could not pass laws enough to make him rich financially. The exceptional man is made to make lots of money; seems to stick to his fingers, and you could not keep him poor. The life history of the man who has lived an average life and died poor is one of unevenness. He is generally generous hearted and never aspires to enrich himself. All he asks is a decent living, worthily earned—a roof tree and clothing for his family. Out of his modest earning he will probably save enough to pay for his modest home—seldom more. He gives his children a common education and starts them out in the world with a "God Bless You" for their dowry. He is honorable in his dealings; he works hard and spends little for luxuries. He seldom complains of his lot and never knowingly commits a crime against the state or humanity. He loves much and laughs more. He may put by a few dollars for his old age and often not. When he dies, men say of him: "He was an honest man and a good citizen. We shall miss him." There is nothing startling in his story to exploit; just the story of an average man—one of the salt of the earth. We all know or knew him and his kind. He has lived according to his life and has served his purpose. No man is a failure who has left behind him the influence of usefulness and integrity.

Marriage Licenses.

Will Kershner,	Amsterdam.
Maggie Porter,	Amsterdam.
H. P. Schraeder,	Concordia, Mo.
Bertha Grimes,	Adrian.

Notice.

A meeting will be held at the school house at Peru, Friday night, Jan. 22, for the purpose of discussing the question of consolidating schools of Lone Oak township. All persons interested are urged to be present.

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